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E. O. 12065: GDS 11-14-85 (BLYSTONE, JAMES) OR-A TAGS: ASEC PINS AR SUBJECT: MONTONERO TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST FRANCISCO SOLDATTI

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- 2. ARGENTINE SOURCES PROVIDED THE FOLLOW INFORMATION ON THE TERRORIST ATTACK COMMITTED AGAINST FRANCISCO SOLDATTI ON NOVEMBER 13, 1979: SOURCES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
- 3. SOURCES STATED THAT A COVERED PICKUP TRUCK PULLED IN FRONT OF SOLDATTI'S VEHICLE, THEREBY BLOCKING THE PATH OF SOLDATTI'S VEHICLE AND THE OCCUPANTS OF THE TRUCK BEGAN SHOOTING. A WOMAN MEMBER OF THE MONTONEROS JUMPED OUT OF THE BACK OF THE TRUCK WEARING A MILITARY-TYPE BLOUSE WITH TWO MONTONERO-FABRICATED GRENADES, ONE IN EACH POCKET. THE WOMAN APPROACHED THE REAR OF SOLDATTI'S VEHICLE AND WAS ABOUT TO THROW A GRENADE INTO THE VEHICLE WHEN AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED. SOURCES ARE NOT CERTAIN IF POLICE, WHO ARRIVED ON THE SCENE, WHEN IN FIRING AT THE TERRORISTS HIT THE GRENADE THE WOMAN WAS ABOUT TO THROUGH WHICH CASED THE EXPLOSION. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED THE BAS TANK OF THE SOLDATTI VEHICLE TO EXPLODE RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF SOLDATTI AND HIS DRIVER BY FIRE. NEITHER SOLDATTI NOR HIS DRIVER WERE DILLED BY DUN FIRE.
- 4. SOURCES REMARKED THAT THE TERRORIST ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY FIVE MEMBERS OF THE MONTONEROS, THREE MEN AND TWO WOMEN. SOURCES STATED THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT NONE OF THE MONTONEROS ESCAPED. TWO OF THE MONTONEROS, A MAN AND A WOMAN, WERE APPREHENDED, ALTHOUGH BADLY WOUNDED. AS YET, THE SECURITY FORCES HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED ANY OF THE MONTONEROS. FINGERPRINTS AND PHOTOS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.
  - 5. SOURCES REMARKED THAT THEY WERE LUCKY IN THAT WHEN THE ATTACK BEGAN, A POLICE PATROL VEHICLE WITH TWO UNIFORMED POLICEMEN AND A PRIVATE VEHICLE WITH AN OFF-DUTY POLICEMAN AND HIS FATHER, A RETIRED COMISARIO, CAME UPON THE SCENE AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO OPEN FIRE WITH THEIR FIREARMS AGAINST THE TERRORISTS.
  - 6. SOURCES STATED THAT THE TERRORISTS WERE ARMED. EACH WITH A BELGIAN-MADE 9 MM BROWNING AUTOMATIC PISTOL. THE GROUP ALSO HAD TWO REMINGTON SHOTGUNS AND ONE AK-47 RIFLE. SECURITY FORCES ARE DISTURBED WITH THWEAPONS, AS THIS INDICATES THAT THE MONTONEROS ARE ABLE TO SMUGGLE ARMS INTO THE COUNTRY. CASTRO



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PAGE Ø1 0207512 ACTION INR-10 HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BUT ASIDE FROM MENDIZABAL, NOT ONE TLA THE TI COMMANDO RESPONSIBLE INFO OCT-01 SY-05 SYE-00 MCT-02 ARI.-11 PM-06 AF-10 FOR THE ATTACK ON THE KLEIN RESIDENCE MAY ATTEMPT TO LEAVE 10-14 KA-05 /864 W -----1: Ø931 Ø21033Z /16 R Ø12252Z OCT 79 PAGE 4 WHINTEL ARGENT ENA BUT JEAT THEY WILL BE REPLACED BY OTHERS. AT PRESENT THERE ARE APPROXIMATE TWO HUNDRED MONTONERO CADRES, BOTH TI AND TA, IN ARGENTINA COMMENT: ARGENTINA IN AUGUST 1979 AND THEY THEY INTENDED TO CARRY OUT BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (LAHRC).) 3. FOLLOWING THE ATTACK AGAINST THE KLEIN RESIDENCE, DIST: 01 DCTOBER 1979 SECURITY FORCES RECOVERED PROJECTILE CASINGS OF UNKNOWN MANU-FACTURE WHICH WERE MARKED WITH MONTONERO INSIGNIA AND WHICH -WERE--USED--IN-THE--ATTACK: INTENDS TO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT CENTRAL--INTELL+GENGI--AGENCY FURTHER ATTACKS BY INCREASING SECURITY PRECAUTIONS SUCH AS PATROLS AND ROAD BLOCKS, STEP UP EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MORE INTELLI-GENCÉ ON MONTONERO PLANS AND TAKE MORE INITIATIVES BASED ON INTERLIGENCE. THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASS O E C R E POWNINTEL COUNTRY: ARGENTINA SUBJECT: EXPECTATION JHAT MONTONEROS WILL WNINTEL CONTINUE TERRORIST ACTIONS PAGE 5 THE 27 SEPTEMBER 1979 BOMBING ATTACK AGAINST THE RESIDENCE OF ECONOMIC PLANNING SECRETARY WALTER KILE IN IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF EXPECTED ATTACKS AGAINST OTHER GOVERN-MENT OFFICIALS AND INSTALLATIONS. THE GOIST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION WAS EXPECTING AN ATTACK AGAINST MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY JOSE MARTINEZ D E H O Z BUT INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES CAUSED THE MONTONEROS ₹-WARNING NOTICE-INTELLIGENCE SOURCES REPORT CLASS-S E C R TO SHIFT TARGETS AND ATTACK KLEIN INSTEAD. AND METHODS INVOLVED. EOT PAGE 3 MHINTEL 2. THE INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON KLEIN'S RESIDENCE ARE MEMBERS OF THE MONTONERO "SPECIAL INFANTRY TROOPS" (TROPAS ESPECIALES DE INFANTERIA - TI) UNO HAVE BEEN TRAINED THE TI'S WERE HEADED BY HORACIO M E N D I Z A B A L. WHO WAS KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1979. MENDIZABAL WAS SO BADLY WOUNDED IN THE CONFRONTATION THAT HE WAS IN A COMA FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND COULD NOT BE INTERROGATED BEFORE HE DIED. AS A RESULT HAS VERY LITTLE FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) -INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS, IDENTITIES AND PLANS OF THE TI'S. Intelligence Sources and Methods THE OTHER MONTONERO GROUP NOW ACTIVE AND ABOUT WHICH MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AR THE "SPECIAL ACTIVIST TROOPS" (TROPAS ESPECIALES DE ACTIVISTAS -TA) WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR POLITICAL ACTION AND PROPAGANDA. THE CHIEF OF THE TA'S WITHIN ARGENTINA WAS ARMANDO DANIEL C R O A T T O, WHO ALLEGEDLY KILLED HIMSELF DURING A CONFRONTATION WITH SECURITY FORCES ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1979. WITHIN THE PAST MONTH AT LEAST TWENTY TA'S

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1. IN THE COURSE OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE ARGENTINIAN JERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE MONTENEROS HAVE SHIFTED THE CENTER OF THEIR EAST AFRICAN ACTIVITIES FROM TANZANIA JO MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE. ONE REASON FOR THE SHIFT IN THE BASE OF OPERATIONS WAS THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO RESIST RECOGNIZING THE MONTENEROS AS A LEGITIMATE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. TO THE THINKING OF MONTENEROS LEADERS, HOZAMBIQUE HAS A BETTER POLITICAL CLIMATE SINCE IT IS A RADICAL MARXIST STATE. SINCE THE SHIFT		
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PAGE 3  SECRET WATHTEL  STO CAPITALIZE ON THEIR GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE MOZAMBICAN GOVERNMENT TO RESETTLE THERE NEW ARGENTINIAN AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN POLITICAL REFUGES.	FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i Intelligence Sources and M	

- 2. THE ADDRESS OF THE MONTENEROS IN MAPUTO IS CAIXA POSTAL 1564. MONTENEROS REPRESENTATIVES IN MAPUTO STILL CONTINUE TO VISIT TANZANIA FROM TIME TO TIME. DURING SUCH VISITS THEY LIVE AND WORK OUT OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO). VENDRELL STATED THAT THE MONTENEROS CONTINUE TO ENJOY A DEGREE OF MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE PLO. THE MONTENEROS ALSO MAINTAIN A REPRESENTATIVE IN ALGIERS, ALGERIA. HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS BEING FIND R E Y N O S O AND WORKS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALGERIA.
- 3. ACCORDING TO VENDRELL, THE MONTENEROS ARE PREPARING TO ACTIVATE A NEW RADIO STATION WHICH IS LOGATED IN COSTA RICA. THE STATION WILL BE CALLED "RADIO NOTICIAS," WILL BROADCAST AT 9615.